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THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF VEGETABLES IN SCOTLAND: A STUDY OF THE LOCATIONAL POTENTIAL OF THE SCOTTISH VEGETABLE INDUSTRY

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This study set out to achieve three principal aims:

(1) to identify geographic and structural patterns in vegetable production and vegetable marketing within Scotland;

(2) to establish a framework for explaining the development and dimensions of these patterns; and

(3) to indicate the extent, if any, of a locational potential for commercial vegetable production in Scotland.

The report was set out in four chapters. The first outlined the scope of the study, and sources and data. The second presented an extended descriptive account of the Scottish vegetable industry up to the mid-1970s, with sections dealing with the historical development of the industry, patterns of production, patterns of marketing and the 'status' of the contemporary industry. The third chapter moved toward explanation of the industry in the mid-1970s, from a review of agricultural location theory and methodology as they related to this study, into sections which separately considered the comparative performance, factor endowment and marketing prospects of the industry. The final chapter set out and considered the conclusions thus reached on the locational potential of the industry and made certain recommendations relating to policy and further investigations.

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